

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning on line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

--To this end, the invention provides a folding table tennis table comprising a support, two table tops that are movable relative to the support between a horizontal position and a vertical position, each table top co-operating with the support to form a structure of configuration that is reversibly ~~deformable~~ foldable between an unfolded state corresponding to the horizontal position of the table top and a folded state corresponding to the vertical position of the table top, which structure includes retractable locking means to lock it in at least one of said two states.--

Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning on line 29 with the following amended paragraph:

--According to a characteristic of the invention, the ~~deformable~~ foldable structure includes abutment means that engage when its configuration comes close to a configuration corresponding to a locked state, thereby opposing reversibility in said configuration. These abutment means provide safety by preventing a table spontaneously folding or deploying even when its locking means are not effective.--

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

--In preferred manner, the abutment means are arranged to engage when the configuration of the ~~deformable~~ foldable structure comes close both to its folded state and to its unfolded state.--

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Figure 6 is a section view of a detail of the locking and abutment means of the ~~deformable~~ foldable structure of the table of the invention;--

Page 5, replace the paragraph beginning on line 27 with the following amended paragraph:

--Figure 3 shows a structure similar to that of Figure 1, in which the elements described above are given the same references, and in which other components can be seen such as levers 9 and a foldable rear leg 10 which belongs to the structure of ~~deformable~~ foldable configuration that is constituted by the folding table.--

Page 7, replace the paragraph beginning on line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--The safety means shown in Figures 1 and 2 are shown in diagrammatic manner so as to illustrate the general function of the means of the invention which is to prevent the configuration of the ~~deformable~~ foldable structure formed by the table tops, the support, and the levers of a folding table tennis table being reversible when its configuration comes close to the

table top being in a folded state or an unfolded state. It would not go beyond the ambit of the invention to provide such pawls or analogous members at the hinges between the levers 8 or 9 with the table top 1 or with the leg 10, for example.--

Page 7, replace the paragraph beginning on line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

--Figure 4 shows part of the inside face of the upright 3 of the Figure 3 table. Instead of the slots 4 and 5 that pass right through the upright 3 as shown in Figures 1 and 2, the inside face of this upright is hollowed out by two vertical grooves 34 and 35. At each of its ends, the bottom of each groove has a blind orifice 36, 37, 38, 39 and a recess 40, 41, 42, 43 defined by a wall 44, 45, 46, 47 sloping towards the adjacent blind orifice, and by an abrupt wall 48, 49, 50, 51 remote from said orifice. This hollowed-out face is covered by a plate 52 provided with two openings 53, 54 that are narrower than the grooves 34 and 35 except in their middle portions where said openings are enlarged at 55 and 56. The ~~groves~~ grooves and the plate thus define two guiding slideways that perform the same function as the slots 4 and 5 of the preceding figures.--

Page 7, replace the paragraph beginning on line 31 and bridging pages 7 and 8 with the following amended paragraph:

--As shown in Figure 6, each of these openings 53, 54 forms a slideway for the head 57a provided with a groove 58 and located on a finger 57 carried by a side edge such as 1a of the

table top 1. In conventional manner, the side edge 1a of the table top 1 is in fact the outside surface of a longitudinally-extending member situated beneath the playing surface of the table top, in which the finger 57 is a force-fit, and behind which it is blocked by a load-carrying key C, e.g. by catches forming a bayonet fitting with the finger 57. The finger 57 is hollow, forming a bushing, with a bolt 59 being received therein and urged towards the upright 3 by a spring 60. The enlarged portions 55 and 56 in the openings 53 and 54 enable the head of the finger 57 with its groove 57a to be engaged in the slideways. Under the effect of the spring 60, it will be understood that the bolt 59 is pressed against the bottom of the corresponding groove 34, 35 and that as a function of its position it is capable of dropping into the blind orifices 36, 37, 38, 39 that form locking catches for holding the corresponding table top in one or the other of its horizontal or vertical positions relative to the support, and also in the secondary recesses such as 40 that constitute safety catches in accordance with the invention. It will be understood on looking at Figure 6 that when the bolt 59 is in the recess 40, the table top 1 can continue to move into the locked state with the slope 44 acting as a camming surface for pushing the bolt back into the bushing 57, whereas the bolt 59 comes into abutment the abrupt wall 48 of the housing 40 so as to prevent the table top 1 from moving in the opposite direction, thus ensuring that the configuration of the ~~deformable~~ foldable

structure is no longer reversible once it has reached the vicinity of the catch 36 or any of the above-described catches.--